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Hello, I'm writing you from Los Angeles, CA on behalf of the Educational Center for the Arts in New Haven. I went to ECA starting in 1997 and without the skills I learned there, I would not be where I am today, or who I am today. ECA allowed me to follow my creativity to a career path and lifestyle that really lets me be who I am.

After attending ECA I went on to get a BA in graphic Design and now use my skills I learned in both places on movie sets in the art/design department for multiple production companies here in Los Angeles. Without the confidence and education ECA and its teachers taught me, I would not be as happy as I am today in this career path. I even have lasting relationships with said mentors and teachers to this day. Something I can not imagine my life without, and really something that every school strives for.

I often imagine moving back to New Haven one day when I am ready to have a family and send my children to ECA. It saddens me to find out I may not be able to do this, and that without this program, other children may not be able to have the amazing creative experiences I had in high school. Also, if ECA is cut out of government funding, CT kids will have little to no education of the arts seeing as cut backs have been made in art classes and departments in CT public schools as well. That is a very sad school experience.

Please, I am begging you as someone who was born and raised in the New Haven area, please reconsider cutting funding for this amazing place for our young people. The arts are so incredibly important, I dont think we can even fathom the impact it will have on our community.

Sincerely, Samantha Humphreys, ECA Alumni.

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